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SUBJECT: GODR INCREASES DUTIES ON AUTOMOBILES

REF: 76 SANTO DOMINGO A-108

1. ON MARCH 24, THE GODR PROMULGATED A LAW INCREASING THE INTERNAL TAXES ON AUTOMOBILES. THE INTERNAL TAXES, WHILE NOT STRICTLY SPEAKING DUTIES, DO IN FACT RAISE THE COST OF IMPORTING AUTOMOBILES. THE INCREASE IN TAXES WAS DONE TO DISCOURAGE THE IMPORTATION OF HIGH GASOLINE CONSUMPTION AUTOMOBILES AND TO QUOTENZCCUSTOM THE CITIZENRY TO THE USE OF VEHICLES OF LOW FUEL CONSUMPTION UNQUOTE.

2. THE LAW AMENDS ORDINAL 36 OF ARTICLE 2 OF LAW NO. 173 DATED MARCH 9, 1964 TO TAX AUTOMOBILES AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINAL 36 - PASSENGER CARS INCLUDING STATION WAGONS:

I) PASSENGER CARS WITH A CYLINGER DISPLACEMENT OF UP TO 2,300 C.C.

A) UP TO VALUE OF RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 50 PERCENT AD VALOREM

B) OVER RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 60 PERCENT AD VALOREM

C) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR CARS LISTED IN

A(A) AND (B) 20 PERCENT AD VALOREM

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II PASSENGER CARS WITH A CYLINDER DISPLACEMENT OF MORE THAN 2,300 C.C. AND UP TO 3,300 C.C.:

A) UP TO A VALUE OF RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 60 PERCENT AD VALOREM

PLUS RD\$1,000 PER UNIT

B) OVER RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 70 PERCENT AD VALOREM

PLUS RD\$1,500 PER UNIT

C) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR CARS

LISTED IN A(A) AND (B) 20 PERCENT AD VALOREM

III PASSENGER CARS WITH A CYLINDER DISPLACEMENT OF MORE THAN  
3,300 C.C. AND UP TO 4,300 C.C.:

A) UP TO A VALUE OF RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 70 PERCENT AD VALOREM  
PLUS RD\$2,000 PER UNIT

C) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR CARS LISTED IN CLAUSES  
(A) AND (B) 20 PERCENT AD VALOREM

IV PASSENGER CARS WITH A CYLINDER DISPLACEMENT OF OVER 4,300 C.C.:

A) UP TO A VALUE OF RD\$3,000 F.O.B. 90 PERCENT AD VALOREM  
PLUS RD\$4,000 PER UNIT

B) OVER RD\$5,000 F.O.B. 110 PERCENT AD VALOREM  
PLUS RD\$6,000 PER UNIT

C) PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR CARS LISTED IN CLAUSES (A) AND (B)  
PASSENGER CARS, INCLUDING STATION WAGONS, SHALL PAY 75 PERCENT  
OF THE ABOVE TAXES IF THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH ENGINES BURNING  
DIESEL OIL. ART. 2 THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS IS  
ENTRUSTED WITH THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS LAW.

3. U.S. AUTOMOBILES EXPORTS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN  
1975 WERE:

- PASSENGER CARS, NONMILITARY, ASSEMBLED NO. F.A.S.  
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

NOT OVER 6 CYLINDERS, NEW 469 1,742

- PASSENGER CARS, NONMILITARY, NEW  
NOT OVER 6 CYLINDERS 450 2,150  
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- PASSENGER CARS, NONMILITARY, USED 459 1,008  
TOTAL 1,378 4,900

SOURCE: U.S. EXPORT  
FT410/DECEMBER 1975

4. LOCAL U.S. AUTOMOBILE DISTRIBUTORS MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR  
TO DISCUSS RAMIFICATIONS OF THE AMENDMENT. OUTCOME OF  
MEETING IS BEING REPORTED IN SEPTEL.  
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